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President's Page

Bryan Burke, CSNA LM 2-1

Numismatics is Alive But Not Too Well

While on a twenty-two day stay behind the iron curtain, I searched for coin collectors and coin dealers. The search was not too rewarding but for one honest-to-goodness numismatist. Many stores sold coins, but not one was in any way a coin dealer. The only store which could qualify as a coin dealer was Vneshtorgbank Gold Shop on Pushkin Street, Moscow, but it handles mostly modern coins. It is, of course, a dollar shop and not open to most Soviet citizens. They know less about older Russian coins than we Americans do. Many of the antique stores on Gorkovo and Arbat Streets in the capital have a few coins or medals, but they are far overpriced.

The one gleam of hope is the Leningrad Coin Club. This group of collectors meets twice a week, once on Sunday and again during the week. While their government has reason to discourage them, it has not stopped them altogether. Some people in the past, calling themselves coin collectors, have used the mails to set up accounts in other lands, an activity frowned on by the Soviet leaders. Genuine collectors must be very careful to stay within the limits of a hobby and never become commercial. They prefer paper money collecting to coins because, as there are no dealers, they must do their collecting through the mails. Up to last year Leningrad had one coin dealer.

It was my pleasure to spend a day with Michael Seeling in Leningrad. It was a chance meeting, but a rewarding one. Michael was our guide through the Hermitage. When we passed the coin exhibit, very small, he commented that he was a coin collector. Well, all of you know that everyone is a coin collector when you pass a collection of coins in a museum, therefore I kind of ignored his comment. This lack of recognition to him vanished when my wife, walking up ahead with him, told him that I was president of the California State Numismatic Association. His reply, "Oh, Cal State", changed everything. I knew then that he was a real numismatist. From that point on, we talked coins between each room where he made his presentation to the group. He came to our hotel after the tour and we exchanged the latest in numismatics in the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

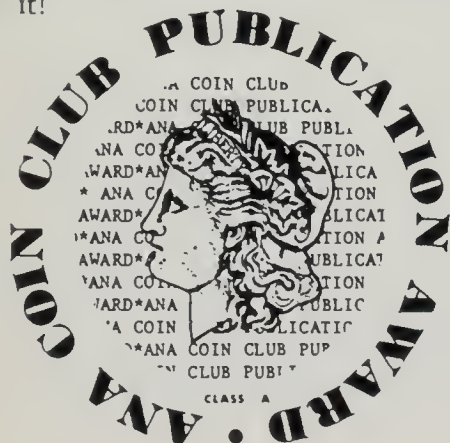
Mike was thrilled to learn that Dick Yeoman was a good friend of mine and

that we met often at conventions. The "red" book is their bible on United States coins just as it is here. He was anxious to tell the other members on Wednesday that Richard S. Yeoman was a wonderful man and a dedicated collector. Then when he learned that Bill Craig and I had gone through junior high school together and collected together, he was even more convinced that I knew everyone. Craig's brown book is their other standard reference book. He had heard of the new Krause publication for world coins and paper money but did not have one. One member had seen Albert Pick's catalog but none of them had seen the coin book. He could not believe how thick or complete it was.

From Mike I received confirmation of what we have heard about Russian coins. Imperial Russian coins cost more in the Soviet than they do here, by about twice. There are many restrikes of early tsarist coins. Nineteenth century restrikes of the beard tokens are plentiful but more of a brassy metal than the original copper issues. Very few collectors in the U.S.S.R. own a platinum coin, not only because they are expensive, but very hard to find. Most of them have been melted down for their metal content in that country. There are many varieties of the older Russian coins which have not been recorded due to the many dies which were used.

The language of numismatics was almost the same for both of us. He understood such terms as "fabric" of the coin and I understood when he told me about his coins. But above the understanding of words was the excitement we both shared in exchanging our thoughts and tales of collecting coins and paper money. We both had fears as well. His that some wealthy person might abuse the hobby and force the government into heavy restrictions on the collectors and mine that the hobby might become so commercial that collectors would rebel and kill the hobby. We both saw hints that these events could occur.

As he left, I watched a dedicated numismatist walk away. He and his group have no dealers, no shows, and find most catalogs unobtainable or out of reach financially. Maybe in America we should not complain about so many dealers and the many shows each week. Let us hope that the time will never come when our government, through fear of illegal manipulations, is forced to curtail our wonderful hobby. It could happen.



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Aviation Tokens and Medals

(Conclusion)

Evolution of Flight

By Joy Parrish CSNA 17-1

From the designers, manufacturers and testing of the aircrafts we'll follow the flight pattern to the commercial airlines who fly the silver wings. The American Airlines issued a "So-Called Dollar" to commemorate their first jet service in 1959. The medals were designed by Joseph DiLorenzo at the Medallic Art Company with 8500 being minted. There were 250 sterling silver medals struck and they were numbered one to 250, which were used as presentation pieces and are considered quite rare.



These medals are listed in the Kappen-Hibber So-Called Dollar book, and are referred to as the "Jet Dollar". The obverse of the medals carry the motto "A New Era Begins" and shows the global famous 707 Flagship in flight. The reverse is the familiar American Airlines emblem composed of a huge eagle flanked by two large A's with the month and year, January 1959 imprinted under the emblem, also along the lower edge of the Jet dollar is the inscription "First Jet Service Across the U.S.A.". The upper edge of the medal carries the company name in large block letters.

In 1967 United Airlines also issued an inaugural flight medal when the Super DC-8 was first introduced to the flying public. There were 2500 minted by the Franklin Mint, and Jack Forker was the designer. The metal is called Franklimum Two, and is cupronickel alloy basically used in coins or medals that are to be used extensively since it is one of the metals that will take a lot of wear. The airship that is honored on these medals is 187 feet, four inches in length, 36 feet, 8 inches longer than the standard DC-8. The obverse shows a flying model of the super ship, and notes that the inaugural flight was in 1967. The reverse carries the United Airlines emblem. My husband, Col. John R. Parrish was an invited guest on the inaugural flight, and received a medal and a certificate to commemorate the exciting event.

One of the most interesting issues in my collection is a set of two medals distributed by Trans-World Airlines back in the early 1940s, even before the Los Angeles International Airport was opened. I was looking through the proverbial "junk box" on a dealers table at a coin convention in Palm Springs, California and found the two medals and paid fifty cents each for them. When they were cleaned up it was determined one was a bronze, and the other was a silver medal. Then my search for the background information on my treasures began, and after many telephone calls and letters to the TWA offices I learned that they were struck to introduce the new Boeing Strat-O-Liner to the TWA flying customers. There were only 400 silver medals minted, and 5000 bronze minted. The silver ones were given to TWA Airlines and to Boeing Aircraft officials and the bronze medals were given to TWA passengers and employees of the Burbank airport. Aside from the low mintage of the silver medals, they are considered rare because they were minted especially for those who were members of the TWA Strat-O-Liner Club. The obverse of the medals shows an impressive sight with the Strat-O-Liner which was classified as a "4 engine over-weather" airplane flying over a massive cloud formation. The reverse carries a close-up view of the aircraft and notes that it's for a TWA Strat-O-Liner club member.

The proud bird with the golden tail has long been a familiar slogan associated with the Continental Airlines and their flight routes cover the "Continental States of America". To honor these proud birds the company distributed a gold toned token featuring an eagle with its wings wide spread, and on the other side is the Continental emblem. They contain no date and are souvenirs and were not issued for any particular event. They have a loop on the top edge and can be used as a key chain or worn on a chain.

Another more recent medal of interest is the 1973 medallion issued by the North Central Airlines in honor of their silver anniversary. The obverse of the medal shows a large jet flying among the stars and the reverse carries the airline emblem covering the numeral 25 in the center of the medals with the name of the airline along the top edge of the medals and the words Silver Anniversary along the lower edge. The obverse and reverse are alike, except for the center design.

To complement the collection of medals issued by, or in honor of the airplanes and their builders are several other various types and designs of commemorative tokens and medals. In 1969 a heavy bronze medal was issued in the San Diego, California area in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Naval Air Rework Facility at North Island. The obverse carries the notation about the 50th anniversary with a fast flying jet in flight, and the reverse carries the dates 1919 - 1969 and the location with the inscription "Service to the Fleet" and the center design shows an old bi-wing plane in flight.

In commemoration of the Alaskan Centennial in 1967 the Anchorage Centennial Commission issued a set of two silver dollar size medals. There were 2000 antique satin silver medals and an unlimited amount of the bronze medals. The silver one in my collection is number 37. The reverse features the outline of an early vintage airplane owned by Col. Ben Eielson, the famous old DeHaviland bi-plane that carried Alaska's first air mail.

Much true aviation history is recorded on a large high relief medal that was issued in 1964 in honor of the fifty years of scheduled airline service. The first flight was made on January 12, 1914 with Tony Jannus as the pilot and was from St. Petersburg to Tampa, Florida. The name of his ship was the "Benoist Airboat" and was in use for thirteen years before being replaced by a

larger and more useful ship. The airline was used many times for passengers and air freight and was often used to transport sea food from the Florida Keys and other coastal points in Florida to the larger cafes and dinner houses in other cities inland. The heavy medals are two and a half inches across with a likeness of the famous pioneer pilot on the obverse. A portion of the historical information and the dates 1914 - 1964 is imprinted on both sides of the medals.

In my opinion one of the rarest medals in my collection is the bright 14 karat gold plated medal issued at a stamp collectors convention in New York City on March 19, 1967 when the collectors held a day devoted to aéro and astro philately referred to as Inter-Pex. The obverse notes the information on the event, and the reverse features four types of aircraft covering the world. The medals were distributed by Herbert Rosen and I understand they were used as competition awards for the stamp displays. Dr. Alan York of East Hampton, New York, who for many years has been trying to catalog all of the air medals and tokens had not been able to acquire one of the medals, nor the complete information on it as late as 1970. I sent him a rubbing of my medal and contributed the limited information I had for his numismatic project.

From the northwest city of Auburn, Washington came a medal in 1968 in honor of their 75th anniversary. There were 5000 struck by the Franklin Mint in Yeadon, Pa., and R. J. Slocum was the designer. A Boeing 707 is shown flying over a mountain range and a moving train. The unusual thing about this medal is that they were a souvenir dollar and had an expiration date, November 17, 1968 at the local Chamber of Commerce office. Another unusual thing about this particular medal is that the word "Coin" is used on the medal. I believe this is the only one in the aviation collection that carries the word.

In 1968 the Metal Arts Company of Rochester, New York gave away a free medal to exnumia collectors at the American Numismatic Association convention in San Diego. The medals were distributed to create interest in the Metal Arts display at the convention. The medals note that San Diego is "A City In Motion" and shows an airplane flying over a model T Ford car, and a ship, the Santa Maria. The opposite side shows the Metal Arts emblem, and their name, and location.

During 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition in San Francisco there were many mementos issued, but of special interest were the three medals issued that featured a United States aircraft. One medal shows an airplane over the skyline scene of the Golden Gate bridge, one features a historical scene of early California days with an airplane flying above, and shows the dates 1839 - 1939, and the third medal in the set also shows the Golden Gate bridge with a China Clipper flying from West to East.

A set of four medals were issued by the coin club at the Strategic Air Command Base, in Bellevue, Nebraska in 1967 and they show a famous B-52 in flight over Nebraska's oldest church building that is still being used for worship services. They were designed by Mary Ulbrick and were issued in honor of Nebraska's Centennial celebration. There were 150 sterling silver medals, 300 nickel silver medals, and one thousand each of the golden bronze and oxidized bronze that were sold by the coin club members. The medal's reverse features an early American covered wagon being drawn by a team of oxen and protected by a rider on horseback, quite a contrast to the fast flying B-52 on the obverse side of the Bellevue Sarpy County, Nebraska centennial 1867 - 1967 medals.

The golden anniversary of the Chanute Air Force Base near the City of Rantoul, Illinois was honored by a commemorative medal issued in 1967. The celebration was held in the base recreation center where the anniversary headquarters were in charge of the distribution of the medals. Not only is this a commemorative medal, but it is also a trade dollar, and could be used to purchase souvenirs and favors or food during the celebration, or could be redeemed for one dollar in cash before July 17, 1967. The reverse of the highly polished bronze medals carries the notes on the celebration and the obverse features a rocket and three U.S. Military aircraft in speed flights, and serves as a record of the year the base was established.

The silver anniversary of Travis Air Force Base was honored by having a light weight silver colored token issued to commemorate the exciting event. The obverse of the token shows a dignified portrait of Robert F. Travis, a noted military man for whom the base was named, and the dates 1943 - 1968. The reverse shows an eagle perched on top of the number 25 and the word silver across the top and the word anniversary along the lower edge of the token.

Keesler Field on the golden gulf coast in Mississippi has not issued a medal to commemorate any special event, but they do have a beautifully struck souvenir medal that is given to visiting dignitaries and to

foreign students who are sent there to be trained for operating or caring for aircraft. The obverse carried a stylized modernistic emblem with the name of the base in large block letters. The reverse shows Old Glory flying in the center with the words United States of America above the flag and one single word "Freedom" below the flag. A colorful and informative magazine with a great amount of data on the Air Force Base, and its many and varied operations is available to compliment the presentation medal, which can be used as a key chain ornament or be worn on a chain for a necklace or bracelet.

Late in 1968 a series of coin-medals was issued by the Gannon Collections, a noted medal and token manufacturing company in Philadelphia that paid tribute to twelve of the U.S. famous fighting planes. These medals are one and one-half inches in diameter and made of heavy nickel-silver and were struck in proof-like finish and were designed by Mr. Jerome Solomon and were produced from hand sculpted dies made by the Franklin Mint. The medals were issued on a subscription basis and honored the P-40 Warhawk, the F-4U Corsair, the P-38 Lightning, the B-58 Hustler, the F-105 Thunderbird, the P-47 Thunderbolt, the B-17 Flying Fortress, the F-4 Phantom Two, the B-24 Liberator and the P-51 Mustang. There have been millions of flying hours logged up on these useful, as well as beautiful airplanes.

Many of the military bases issue food tokens to be used in the mess halls, but they are not considered commemorative tokens or medals, but are generally put in the trade token category. The 25 cent token from Hickam A.F. Base in Hawaii is in my collection, and even though it bears no likeness to any aircraft it does carry the insignia of the Pacific Air Force Base operations, and is used by the U.S. Air Force personnel.

An interesting experiment conducted to produce a marriage of the trains and airplanes for faster coast to coast transportation is the subject of a medal struck by the Franklin Mint in nickel silver and is 32 millimeter size for public distribution, and bronze and sterling silver medals struck for special presentation use only. Back in the late 1920s it was thought that the public would be afraid to travel by planes during the night time hours, so during the day those traveling between New York and Los Angeles made the trip by airplane and at designated points they met trains for the continuation of the trip by night. This mode of travel took nearly fifty hours, but when Trans-World Airlines inaugurated all air service in October of 1930 the time dropped to about 36 hours. On the obverse of the medal the combined 1929 service is

illustrated with a train of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and a tri-motor plane of the Transcontinental Air Transport Company. Predecessors of the present Penn Central Railroad and TWA. An appropriate inscription along with the corporate trademarks dominate the reverse. These medals are made of nickel silver, and were available from Robert Alotta at the Penn Central Plaza for \$1.30 each in 1969.

A letter from Walter V. Stark, executive secretary for the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce dated March 29, 1968 contributed what information I have on a small bronze medal issued in August of 1946. It was one of many used for 4th to 10th place awards in the Western Open Aircraft meet that was sponsored by the L.A.J.C.C. He could not determine who the designer of the medals was, but suggested that it was probably purchased from one of the Southern California trophy houses and they did the designing, and he thought there were a hundred ordered. The plane on the obverse of the medal does not appear to be of a specific design and is of a simple line for better casting. The medal is a bit over an inch in diameter, and the reverse is blank. A similar medal, same size and metal content, was also issued in 1950 when the Plymouth Dealers sponsored a model airplane meet at Hill Air Force Base in the State of Utah.

The Shell Oil Company issued a series of light weight aluminum tokens in the early 1960s and in the famous facts and faces group there was one issued to honor Rear Admiral Byrd's flight over the South Pole. There were thousands of these small tokens struck but very little information has been available on them, even though they were beautifully designed and struck.



There were other medals issued to honor the pioneer pilots' flying experiences. The brave United States Navy man wrote a silver page in history when he flew his silver wings on that famous journey in 1928. The silver medals feature a profile of the great Admiral and a shield graces the area just under his chin. In a band around the medal is the inscription "First to fly over the South Pole" and his name and rank and USN. The reverse of the medal shows a version of his "Good Airplane" when he not only flew over the South Pole, but also returned to bring good news of people, weather, flight conditions and other interest-

ing news in the early part of 1930. These two years will remain one of the pioneer contributions to long range air travels.



Photo Courtesy of Bryan Burke

Captain Charles A. Lindbergh was also honored with commemorative medals for his great contribution to the evolution of aviation when he completed his historical New York to Paris, France flight on May 20, 1927. The Lindbergh flight was a forerunner to the now global flights that are being made daily by our jumbo jets.



Photo Courtesy of Bryan Burke

The medals issued in sterling silver and bronze show a portrait of Captain Lindbergh with the dates of his flight and the information on the flight and his name and rank. The reverse shows a photo of "The Spirit of St. Louis" in flight and states that it is a "Lucky Lindbergh Coin", however they were never used for coinage of any type, not even a trade token. The airplane is flying over a field of good luck charms, including a four leaf clover and a horse shoe. I have no record of the number of these medals that were minted, nor by whom.

On March 5, 1962 a USAF-General Dynamics B-58 Hustler, the world's fastest

Bomber flew non-stop from Los Angeles to New York and back to L.A. and established three new world speed records. The time from Los Angeles to New York was only two hours and 56 seconds flying time, and the fast Hustler won the Bendix trophy flying back to L.A. The time was extended to two hours and fifteen minutes to "Beat the Sun". In less than five hours the flight was made, and this included time for refueling. On board this record flight was a miniature time computer, and the reverse side served as a commemorative medal with the flight information, and the confirmation that the medal was on board the B-58 Hustler on that special day in the evolution of aviation.

Guarding all these accomplished pilots who have helped make, and record the history of aviation is St. Francis, the patron saint of the birdmen. The medal issued in his honor shows the kneeling figure of St. Francis in front of the international shrine of the birdmen surrounded by birds. The reverse shows a prayer of the patron saint with an airplane in flight. This one medal is familiar to more pilots than any other one and can often be seen in the huge jumbo jets as well as in the smaller private crafts.

In honor of the 200th birthday of America, the Kroger Grocery chain has issued a set of bicentennial commemorative coin-medals, and included in the set is one honoring the evolution of flight, and honors the 1903 first flight made by the Wright Brothers, Orville and Wilbur. The obverse of the medal shows a version of the Wright aircraft, and the reverse carries a brief history of the milestone flight. I ordered two, one in a set with all the other medals which bear the number 1154, and I ordered a single medal to add into my flight series, and that bears the number 2406. These historical medals were available to anyone who desired to order them, and were advertised on their cereal boxes, and only cost 75 cents each with the box top to accompany the order. They are a bit larger than a silver dollar and are beautifully struck, with a high rim around the outer edge, and are struck in a heavy bronze with a satin type finish.

All the wonder, the convenience, the fun and the comfort of flying has truly been a giant step in progress. From Orville and Wilbur Wright's pioneering spirits, and with ever forward looking innovations blazing the skyways with highways, there surely will be much more aviation history recorded on silver pages with silver wings to add even more interest in the evolution of flight!

In this, the 1976 Bicentennial year, these medals are a fine salute to progress at its very best!

Harley Has Penchant For Esoteric

Dan Harley, Franklin Mint's central states representative, has a penchant for the esoteric and one may find him and his wife of 31 years traveling hundreds of miles just to track down the unusual, particularly if the unusual relates to coins.

He wears many hats. In addition to his role with the Franklin Mint, he is currently president of both the Tri-Lakes Coin Club and the Arkansas Numismatic Association. He is also an author. His articles on coins have appeared in a number of magazines with national circulation.

The Harleys, whose home base has been Hot Springs for five years now, are formerly of California. They have only recently returned from Hawaii where they were hosts for collectors' society members and guests on their Hawaiian holiday, visiting four of the islands and enjoying a coin show on Oahu.

Harley has served as a board member, treasurer, secretary and president of the California State Numismatic Association. While president, he started CSNA's life membership and speaker certificate award programs. He also served as secretary, vice president and president of San Bernardino County Coin Club, and as director, vice president of the Orange County, California Coin Club.

He has built many displays for his own medal and coin collections.

Harley joined Franklin Mint, world's largest and foremost private mint in 1971. He and his wife are avid collectors and specialize in different areas. He is interested primarily in U.S. coins, as well as those of Mexico, Panama and Liberia, while her collection includes coins with elephants in their designs. She has over 150 such coins, many of them quite rare.

The Harleys also have time for other fascinating hobbies, which also show their penchant for the esoteric. Their curiosity about ghost-towns has taken them to 169 towns in Arizona, California, Nevada and New Mexico. He claims to have discovered an uncharted, mining-camp-centered town in California's Funeral Mountains obviously abandoned quickly, but with all the discarded gear still in place.

He is also a searcher of what he calls "lazy" notes, paper money on which the denominations are reclining or tilted rather than vertical. He prizes most the \$2 National Bank notes which he says was part of the 1876 bank robbery loot in Northampton, Mass.

Harley's Panamanian and Liberian coin collections are complete in many areas and in very good condition.



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From the beginning man has looked toward the stars and aspired to fly. His passage from earth to sky is one of the most noble achievements. From Daedalus of mythology to Neil Armstrong who walked on the moon in our own time, a chosen few of each generation have been inspired to expand man's knowledge and capacity in the realm of flight and space.

The chronicle of their progress has given the society of man a rich heritage which must be preserved for the future. Their extraordinary contributions to the aerospace history are deserving of honor by all men. The qualities of vision, dedication, courage and sacrifice they possessed must be nurtured for the generations to come.

The International Aerospace Hall of Fame was chartered as the instrument to perform these functions:

- To honor individuals who have made significant contributions to aerospace progress.

- To provide the public at large an opportunity to learn of the work of these great men and women of aviation and space history.

- To inspire in the youth of today and tomorrow a respect for the qualities and ethics which guided these heroes.

- To promote public appreciation of the significant role which aviation and space technology have played in the history of man.

The Hall of Fame is situated in the center of the famed Balboa Park, a cultural center containing museums of science, history and art. It is co-located with a companion organization, the San Diego Aerospace Museum which houses one of the world's finest collections of historical aircraft.

The gallery is open seven days a week and admission is free to all.



Take Ten

In the ensuing months we will have an opportunity on a national basis, as well as within our own C.S.N.A. organization, to exercise our God-given right of an American to vote. It is our duty to ourselves to vote for, and support, the officials elected to conduct the business necessary to keep our government and organization a viable, functioning body that will serve the best interests of the majority of the population and members.

The thoughts expressed below are as appropriate now as they were when written

many years ago:

"The very essence of a free government consists in considering offices as public trusts, bestowed for the good of the country, and not for the benefits of an individual or party." — John C. Calhoun

OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE:

"God grant that not only the love of liberty, but a thorough knowledge of the Rights of Men may pervade all the nations of the earth, so that a philosopher may set his foot anywhere on its surface and say, "THIS IS MY COUNTRY."

— B. Franklin

A parting thought:

"All the Constitution guarantees is the Pursuit of Happiness, you have to catch up with it yourself." — B. Franklin

— Your Publisher

A Glimpse Into Ethiopian Medals

CHAPTER ONE

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Part Five of the Ethiopian Series

Exciting and challenging as the Ethiopian coins are, the collector, student and researcher will find the Ethiopian medals an even richer field. The numismatist will find them mislabeled as coins occasionally on bourse tables and even in junk boxes. Because of their obscurity many dealers shy away from them, but they are still fun when you find them.

I've just listed and commented on some of the Ethiopian medals that I've run into since being introduced to the Ethiopian mysteries by the late Stuart Mosher in the Wayte Raymond establishment four decades ago. There is much room for further work, this list is intended to be only a start. More work, too, can be done on medals found in Ethiopia from other governments. Those struck for Italian soldiers in the first flush of victory by the invasion that made Victor Emanuele III an emperor, is a case in point.

Many medals in all metals have been found to be used as coins in exchange, with the value being determined by weight and bargaining for the best advantage. Frequently they are retained by the recipients as keepsakes, but occasionally they drift into pawnshops and metal recycling bins.

Railroads

One of the early and more popular medals of Ethiopia is the bronze piece struck to commemorate the construction of the railroad. This rail line extends from Djibuti, the port city of French Afars and Issas (formerly French Somaliland) to Addis Ababa.

Dated 1903, it was struck at the Paris Mint probably in substantial quantity as it was rumored that it was given to construction workers on the railroad. Copies also exist in silver and gold.

It is made with a ring at the top for suspension from a ribbon. The medal size is 32 mm., 24 grams. (Figure 1)

Obverse: Head of Menelik II by Chaplain facing right with no legend.

Reverse: Contemporary steam locomotive facing left. The legend in three Amharic words meaning "Commemoration of Earth Train". It is dated 1895 EE (1903). The tiny word "Bronze" is in the lower right of the exergue by the cornucopia, the mint symbol for Paris.



Fig. 1

Menelik II

In addition to the above there is a report of an oval gold medal 44 X 52 mm and weighing between 25 and 30 grams struck in 1896 with Menelik II on one side and St. George and the dragon on the other. There are also reports of Menelik II coronation medals.

Small Military

A medal which has caused much confusion, since it bears the number and word — "1 Gersh" — in the exergue of the reverse, is made of a brass alloy and apparently was intended to be a form of military decoration.

It appears that when it was ordered, the government official gave the artist a 1-gersh of the silver variety (Yeoman No. 5) to use as a suggestion in the medal design. The artist apparently took the suggestion literally and copied the entire coin including the denomination and even the Paris Mint symbol. These have a loop at the top for suspension from a ribbon. The example photographed in Fig. 2 is from the American Numismatic Society collection.



Fig. 2

Examples of this medal, which were either broken from their loop or were deliberately cut off, seem to have drifted into small change and since they had the one gersh value on them actually circulated in market places. This is not unusual since all kinds of discs and medals as well as a vast majority of foreign coins also circulate in the market place.



Fig. 3

These pieces are either cast or poorly struck. Frequently they are heavily worn or damaged.

Obverse and Reverse: Similar to 1' Gersh, Yeoman 5, Size 20 mm.

These also appear in a larger size measuring 27 mm. (Fig. 3)

Other Military

Similar military medals also appear with ring and pin and with pin removed in both bronze and silver but without "value", the exergue below the lion on the reverse being blank. These measure 30 mm and sometimes as much as 3 mm in thickness. These likewise frequently drift into the barter type commerce of the market place for whatever value the owner can gain in bargaining. One of these thick medals was seen to be labeled "double half-taler" which really adds to the confusion.

Heir Proclamation Piece

Tafari Makonnen, nephew of the late Menelik II had been regent for his cousin, the Empress Zauditu, from the time she was named Empress in 1916 after the overthrow of Lij Yasu. With the encouragement of the ambitious Tafari, the nobles named him heir to the throne. Such an outstanding occasion should be recorded historically with the striking of a medal. And so it was. A suitable medal was prepared.



Fig. 4

Obverse: Full face of Tafari Makonnen wearing a ducal coronet (Tafari was a Ras which is more or less synonymous with duke or prince). On the right (his left) was the date 1917 EE (1923). The artist, M. Dammann, overcame the full face problem very well with an excellent three dimensional effect. The medal's obverse is striking in its simplicity. (Fig. 4)

Reverse: An unusually attractive design depicting an angel bearing the imperial crown and flying down to place it upon the head of a huge lion (with cross and banner) crouching between two pillars, symbolizing the heaven sent crown approaching the awaiting lion. The legend in Amharic says "Heir to the throne of Ethiopia, Tafari Makonnen". Both sides have a decorative border of alternating dashes over two dots and the upper half of a plus sign. It measures 32 mm. M. Dammann's name is in the exergue.

First Airplane

In the mid-1920s, probably 1925, the first airplane landed at Addis Ababa. To commemorate the event, the new heir to the throne struck a medal.

Obverse: The obverse of the Heir Proclamation medal, with full face and dated 1917 EE, was used. (Fig. 4)

Reverse: A crude airplane was drawn on the reverse die with an electric stylus. The crude legend told of the occasion of the landing of the first "aeroplane" at the nation's capitol.

In her Smithsonian Institution notes Elvira Clain Stefanelli wrote that this airplane piece sold at a 1954 King Farouk auction sale (Item No. 1280) for 90 Egyptian pounds. It was described as being 8 warks or \$20 size. It was also noted that there was another copy which was "smaller". A dealer recently told me he was offered one of these for \$1,800, but that he didn't buy it because he had never seen it or heard of it and also it appeared "thin" to him.

King Proclamation

Several years later, having conducted the affairs of Ethiopia in an increasingly successful manner, Prince Tafari was given the title of "Negus" (king).

This event was proclaimed by another medal.

Obverse: The obverse of the heir medal was again used with its full face and 1917 EE date. (Fig. 4)

Reverse: Like the airplane medal the die for the king medal was fashioned by an artist in the Addis Ababa mint using an electric stylus on the blank die. The legend was crudely cut into the smooth surface of the die. It reads — "Crown Prince King Tafari of Ethiopian Government" and "Upon full authority as Ras, Sept.20,1921"(EE) (1928) (Fig. 5)



Fig. 5

This medal appears on the market occasionally measuring 32 and 33 mm. Its weight varies, being 18.7, 18.8, 23.15, 23.3, 23.7 and 24 grams. It was in listings and auction catalogues by Stacks, Kreisberg and Seaby in recent years with sales records and offerings being from \$275 to \$450. It is sometimes erroneously listed as a 10 wark piece.

Paris Visit

We know that in 1924, the then Prince Tafari, toured European Capitals and visited Paris because the Mint lists a medal for this event.

It is described as being gold, 40 mm and 42.40 g and having an inscription in French — "The Prince Tafari, heir of the crown and regent of the Ethiopian Empire, May 1924".

Coronation

The Empress Zauditu died in 1930 and Ras Tafari Makonnen having been named heir and later king was now promptly proclaimed king of kings (emperor). A beautiful medal was designed and struck at the Vienna Mint in both gold and silver and in two sizes 40 and 32 mm.



Fig. 6

Obverse: The emperor, facing left, wearing his imperial crown, trailing veil and special regal robes. The legend "Haile Selassie the first", his new name, is around his head. Below is "October 23 1923 A.D." (1930) (Fig. 6)



Fig. 7

Reverse: A monogram in tribole with Star of the Trinity. (The Emperor's name signified power of the trinity.) Around is the legend "Ethiopia keeper by the will of God". (Fig. 7)

Examples of this piece in the 40 mm size in gold appeared in recent auctions, (1971 Schulman) 44 grams and (1976 Bowers and Ruddy) 44.6 grams. One of the smaller gold weighs 19.8 g and another 20 g.

Chapter two will appear in the next issue of Calcoin News.

Past President . . .



Mr. Nathan Abbott Bowers, long active in the field of numismatics passed away June 19th at The Sequoias retirement home in Portola Valley. He was born in San Francisco and a midpeninsula resident for 55 years.

Mr. Bowers was Charter Member #141 in the California State Numismatic Association and served as its fourth president during the years 1953-1954.

Mr. Bowers was graduated from Rose Polytechnic Institute in Indiana in 1910 with a degree in civil engineering. He later received a Ph.D. degree from Stanford University in 1926, and was the first civil engineer to be awarded that degree by Stanford. In 1961 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Engineering by Rose Polytechnic Institute.

After graduating from Rose Institute Mr. Bowers joined the editorial staff of McGraw Hill Publishing Co. in New York. Two years later he was transferred to the West Coast, and for many years traveled the 11 Western states as Pacific Coast editor for several McGraw-Hill technical journals.

In 1917-18, he compiled ideas and features of construction methods developed in construction of ships in West Coast shipyards, which were trying to learn how to build ocean-going freighters out of reinforced concrete. He also did a series of reports on the aviation section, aircraft production section of the U.S. Signal Corps. that was assigned to develop an air force.

In World War II, he was accredited as a Naval War correspondent and sent to the Pacific to record the achievements of the Naval Construction Battalions (The Seabees).

After retirement from McGraw-Hill, Mr. Bowers turned his attention to equipment used by dendrochronologists, the scientists who analyze tree growth. At his home in Atherton he built a pilot plant that resulted in the establishment of The Bowers Laboratory at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn. In the plant, a power-driven machine replaced hand labor in tedious specimen production.

Later he developed a machine based on an entirely new concept in the preparation of wood sections for microscopic study. This machine went to the Laboratory for Tree-Ring Research, University of Arizona, where Mr. Bowers had been on the faculty since 1967 as research associate in dendrochronology.

In 1913 he married Alice Ray of New York. She died in 1973.

Surviving are a daughter, Ruth Solner of Hollywood; one grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Johnson Colonial Mortuary, Menlo Park. Interment was in Alta Mesa Cemetery, Palo Alto.

Mr. Bowers maintained his interest in coins all his life, and had many friends in the world of numismatics.

The Old Mint Building

The Old Mint Building is being restored to its original pristine condition. The interior renovation has been complete for some time.

Work on the exterior is progressing at a satisfactory pace. While the building was sitting empty and its fate was being debated small pieces of the cornice broke off and fell to the ground. Shortly thereafter someone ordered the removal of the cornice which was then chipped off. The cornice on the inside court, however, was saved and has been restored, showing evidence of natural wear over the years.

The exterior cornice is being replaced. It is made of plastic on a metal framework and is being bolted to what remains of the chipped cornice. The exterior walls are being repaired and cleaned by sand blasting. The finished portion is truly beautiful. The front on 5th Street is complete as well as the Jessie Street side. Scaffolding is up and work is progressing on the Mission Street side and the rear on Mint Street.

When visiting San Francisco you should go to 5th and Mission and admire the Old Gray Lady.

The Statue of Liberty

By Edward M. Uhlig, CSNA 1551



At the Centennial celebration of the Declaration of Independence in 1876, Edouard de Laboulaye, a French writer upon American history and life, proposed the erection of a memorial to commemorate the alliance of the two countries during the War of Independence and their friendship during the century following.

Auguste Bartholdi, a young French sculptor was selected to plan and execute the memorial. On his first trip to the United States, the view as he came up New York Harbor suggested to him a colossal statue of Liberty to be erected on one of the islands in the harbor.

The French began their activity in 1877 to raise funds for the Statue of Liberty. The task was greater than expected and the Statue was not completed for presentation to the United States at Paris until July 4, 1884.

There was a medal struck to commemorate this event. The obverse shows the erected statue on Bedloe's Island at the entrance of New York Harbor. The reverse, in French reads, "PRESENTATION/DU MONUMENT/DE L'UNION/FRANCO-AMERICAINE/A SON EX. MR. MORTON/MINISTRE PLENIPOTENTIAIRE/DES ETATS-UNIS/PAR LE Cte FERD DE LESSEPS/EN PRESENCE/DE MR. JULES FERRY/PRESIDENT DU CONSEIL/MINISTRE DES/AFFAIRES ET-RANGERES/4 JUILLET 1884/METAL DE LA STATUE."

The translation of the French inscription is as follows: "PRESENTATION FOR THE MONUMENT OF FRENCH-AMERICAN UNION TO HIS EXCELLENCE, MR. MORTON, MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE COUNT FERDINAND DE LESSEPS IN THE PRESENCE OF MR. JULES FERRY, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JULY 4, 1884. METAL FOR THE MEDAL FROM THE STATUE."

I do not have this medal but Byran Burke of the San Bernardino County Coin Club has one which I have seen.

In the United States, chiefly in and around New York City there was formed a committee of eighty Frenchmen to raise funds for the pedestal and the erection of the statue on Bedloe's Island in the entrance of the harbor.

Their efforts were many and varied. The head and shoulders, as was done in Paris, was erected in Philadelphia and for a small sum you could go up and look out of the eyes and have a view of the city. In New York City, in Union Square the torch and arm were assembled and for a small sum you could walk thru this portion of the Statue.



Head of Statue set up in Paris first and later in Philadelphia. Part of Money Raising Campaign.

The ability of the sculptor can be appreciated when one realizes the immensity of the work. The Statue itself stands one hundred and fifty-two feet high. The tip of the torch is three hundred feet above sea level. The Statue is made of hammered copper three thirty-seconds of an inch in thickness, supported upon a steel frame anchored in the pedestal. The green color that the Statue has taken on is the result of verdigris or green rust of copper. The detail of the work is remarkable when one considers that the width of the face is ten feet and of the eyes two feet and six inches. The arm is forty feet long and twelve feet in diameter at the point of greatest thickness. The tablet in the left hand is twenty-three feet seven inches long, thirteen feet seven inches wide and two feet thick.

The Statue was packed for shipment to this country in 214 specially designed cases, some of which, needless to say, weighed tons.



Card used in France to Raise Money for Construction.

The cornerstone for the base was laid with Masonic ceremony on August 5th 1884. The Statue prior to delivery to the United States stood full completed for a time in Paris, and was turned over to the United States on July 4th 1884 as I have already briefly described.

After the erection of the Statue, the dedication took place on October 28th 1886 at a ceremony attended by President Grover Cleveland, who accepted the gift of the French people on behalf of the people of the United States. That evening the Torch of Liberty was lighted for the first time on Bedloe's Island.

As part of the dedication ceremonies, the Committee of Frenchmen in New York was commissioned to prepare a medal from the scraps of copper from the building of the Statue. On the obverse is the Statue of Liberty in high relief, and in the background is New York Harbor, with the buildings of New York and Brooklyn in low relief. Above in a circular arch is the inscription: "COMMEMORATIVE MONUMENT OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE", the inner border of the arch being composed of thirty-eight small stars representing the thirty-eight states then in the Union. Below the Statue is: "A. BARTHOLDI, STATUAIRE". To the left in very small letters appears the name of the medalist, Tasset. The almost microscopic inscription on the book held by Liberty is "July 4, 1776".



On the reverse is the inscription: IN/REMEMBRANCE/OF THE FRIENDSHIP/BETWEEN/THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE/BY/PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION/AMONGST THE CITIZENS/OF/BOTH NATIONS/1776-1876. The word or name Guire is incused on the edge.

This medal was executed in France, and when received in this country the misspelling of the word "BOTH" in the inscription on the reverse was discovered and in consequence the medals were never distributed as planned.

My grandfather, Amadee Mazzur, was a member of the Committee of Eighty and obtained six of these medals, one for each of his children. I have the one given to
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Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics



Miss Maxine Bryce (CSNA 1243)

Getting out a 3-page bulletin to members of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (San Francisco) is the "specialty" of Maxine Bryce, its editor. After years of sending out the PCNS Bulletin each month, Maxine now regards the addressee names as old friends and misses it when one drops off the list. As for writing the Bulletin itself, she thinks that it's fun once you set down and get started — the main trouble is getting started.

Maxine Bryce has been a member of San Francisco's Pacific Coast Numismatic Society since 1960 and at present is its Secretary and Editor. Her coin collecting consists for the most part of circulated foreign coins. She is interested in the smallest denomination coins (the minor minors) as she believes they soon will suffer the fate of the English farthing and disappear. She saves her money for travel and finds numismatic satisfaction in coins from the countries she visits as well as in numismatic books and catalogs and the occasional purchase of an intriguing coin.

Maxine is a native of Portland, Oregon, where she went to school and attended business college. When jobs became plentiful during World War II, she decided to work her way around the United States as a stenographer. Her first stop was San Francisco. She answered a Southern Pacific Railroad advertisement for "travel expert trainees" and went to work in the SP's district passenger office typing reservation telegrams. Thirty years later she is still in San Francisco and still working in SP's traffic department! Maxine is a life member of San Francisco's Mechanics' Institute

library. She is a member of the San Francisco Chapter, National Association of Railway Business Women, and was at various times its recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and editor of its monthly newsletter. When the Railway Business Women decided to form a Toastmistress Club, Maxine attended the first meeting so that she could report on it. To her dismay, she found that by attending she had automatically become a charter member, and she was soon stumbling through speeches at the club's weekly meetings. This became easier when she realized it was as difficult for the other members to give speeches as it was for her to do so. A visitor, hearing her talk on "Collectors' Items", expressed disappointment that coins were not mentioned. At the visitor's suggestion Maxine attended a meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society — and wondered why she had never really looked at a coin before and where she had been all her life!

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society approved her membership application in June 1960. In 1962 she was elected to the PCNS Board of Governors and in 1964 was elected Secretary, the office she now holds. She has been PCNS Editor since 1972.

Upon becoming a member of the Society Maxine bought four gold coins for her first exhibit. After hearing a talk on the Maria Theresa taler, she decided to buy one of those inexpensive coins for her regular exhibit at meetings as it would fit into almost any program theme. Looking back now, she wishes she had stuck to gold! In addition to her Maria Theresa taler, she is interested in minor coins, exnumia, paper money, and odd and curious items, as well as numismatic books and catalogs. "Actually I change my interest at every meeting," she says, "depending on what the speaker's subject is."

Maxine's other hobbies are reading and books, museums, maps, picture postcards, postmarks, and travel. During the affluent '60s she realized a lifelong dream and spent three of her vacations in Europe. On her first trip she spent two weeks in London (where she visited the Tower Mint) and two weeks in Paris (Paris mint) and Normandy. Her second trip of 30 days saw her in Frankfurt, Munich, Salzburg, Vienna (where Maria Thereas held court), Luxembourg, Paris, and Strasbourg. In 1970 she

spent time in London, Rotterdam, The Hague, Geneva, Bern, Zurich, and Paris. All these cities contain wonderful museums or are themselves museums, and Maxine took copious notes. She wants to see Venice before it sinks but has to learn Italian first.

Although she has no special collection, Maxine hopes to be able to devote more time to numismatics "if I ever get caught up." There are several numismatic projects

she would like to carry out, among them a paper on the heraldry of the Maria Theresa taler and a translation of the taler's coat of arms into the actual colors according to the heraldic color code. "Meanwhile," she says, "I'm learning a great deal from the talks and exhibits of other PCNS members and I'm having a lot of fun being PCNS Secretary and Editor."

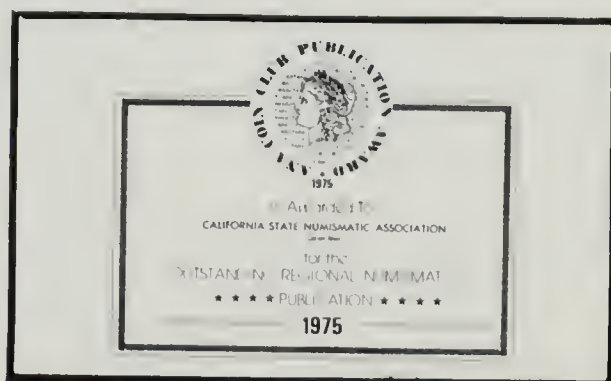
By Don T. Thrall, CSNA LM 9-2

California Publications Honored by ANA

New York City was the place, the Club Representative's Breakfast was the time, and the 85th A.N.A. Convention provided the awards.

California State Numismatic Association's CALCOIN NEWS was honored for the Outstanding Regional Numismatic Publication during the year 1975. The presentation was made to the Asst. Editor, **Elizabeth L. Wisslead**.

The association is privileged to use the insignia for one year as it appears on the award plaque shown here.



The Outstanding Local Numismatic Publication for 1975 was awarded for the second straight year to THE COIN PRESS from the San Bernardino County Coin Club.

Mr. William O. Wisslead, Post President and current Director of S.B.C.C.C. accepted the award.

The plaque shown here depicts the award seal which will be used for the next twelve issues.

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my Mother, the youngest of his six children.

In 1936 one of my Aunts gave her copy to the Museum at the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island. I have never been able to run down what happened to the other four medals in our family.

Maybe others of the Committee obtained some of these medals like my Grandfather, so there may have been a very limited unofficial distribution of this medal after all.

And over the door as you enter the Statue, there is the following inscription:

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to
breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your
teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-
tossed to me
I lift my lamp beside the golden
door."

Emma Lazarus — 1849-1887.

Where Did They Go?

The Bureau of the Mint produced only the 1973 and 1973-D copper-nickel dollars for the uncirculated sets of 1973. What is confusing is, the total of the dollars produced.

They made 2,000,056 in Philadelphia and in Denver they made 2,000,000. Why the difference of 56, and where did they go?

Numismatic-Land

WHAT? 59th Semi-Annual Convention of the California State Numismatic Association
WHEN? November 19-21, 1976
WHERE? Disneyland Hotel — Disneyland
Anaheim, California
GENERAL James R. (Randy) Briggs
CHAIRMAN: P. O. Box 1161
San Bernardino, California 92402

CONVENTION PROGRAM

THURSDAY, NOV. 18

12:00 NOON Security Room open to Dealers
(Closes 10 A.M. Friday, Nov. 19)
7:30 P.M. CSNA Executive Board Meeting — Sierra Tower

FRIDAY, NOV. 19

8:00 A.M. Bourse Room available for dealer set up
Exhibit Room available for exhibitor set up
10:00 A.M. Bourse and Exhibit Rooms open to the public
Convention officially opens
Registration Desk opens
12:00 NOON Friday Luncheon (Room to be announced)
8:00 P.M. CSNA Numismatic Forum (Room to be announced)
Speaker: James Conlon, Dir. Bureau Engraving &
Printing, Washington, D.C.
Topic: The Two Dollar Federal Reserve Note
10:00 P.M. Bourse and Exhibit Rooms close

SATURDAY, NOV. 20

9:00 A.M. Bourse Room open to Dealers
10:00 A.M. Bourse and Exhibit Rooms open to public
Registration Desk opens
10:30 A.M. CSNA General Business meeting
12:00 NOON Sierra Tower will be available for Numismatic group
TO 4:00 P.M. meetings
1:30 P.M. California Exonumist Society meeting
6:00 P.M. CSNA No-Host cocktail hour (Room to be announced)
7:00 P.M. CSNA Banquet (Room to be announced)
Speaker: Dr. Larry Burgess, Curator of the Lincoln
Shrine, Redlands, California
Awards Presentation
10:00 P.M. Bourse and Exhibit Rooms closed

SUNDAY, NOV. 21

9:00 A.M. Bourse Room open to dealers
9:00 A.M. CSNA Breakfast get-together. All club officers are urged
to attend.
10:00 A.M. Bourse and Exhibit room open to the public
Registration Desk opens
12:00 NOON Sierra Tower will be available for Numismatic group
TO 4:00 P.M. meetings
5:00 P.M. Convention officially closes
Security Room open to dealers

MONDAY, NOV. 22

10:00 A.M. Security Room will close

Convention Highlights

The 59th semi-annual convention of the California State Numismatic Association will be held the weekend of November 19-21, 1976 at the world famous Disneyland Hotel, situated directly across the street from Disneyland, the "Magic Kingdom". Hosted by the San Bernardino County Coin Club, this second of our Bicentennial conventions has been carefully planned to offer a outstanding array of informational and social functions.

The selection of the Disneyland Hotel for this meeting allows CSNA members a perfect opportunity to combine a family vacation with our Fall get-together. The hotel complex offers an abundance of shops and restaurants and is connected directly to Disneyland by a high-speed monorail.

The convention plans to have over 60 dealers from all over the country, with such varied stock that you will be able to pick up some of those elusive items for your collection. Through increased advertising and the use of television and radio a record attendance is expected.

The official medallion, available in either silver or bronze, will depict the new Bicentennial two dollar bill, and speaking of the two dollar bill, Mr. James Conlon will be in attendance. Mr. Conlon, for those of you not familiar with him, is the man in charge of the printing and designs of all our country's paper money. Those who attend the Friday night forum will have the rare privilege of hearing this renowned expert on currency. Be sure to make this a real "must" and mark it on your calendar as he will be traveling from Washington, D.C. especially to address this meeting.

Saturday afternoon will inaugurate a CSNA Junior Day program. This will be open to ideas of what interests them specifically with a coin quiz, prizes for all young numismatists who attend.

Saturday evening will be no less exciting in that a special program has been planned for the banquet. Instead of the normal award-style banquet, we have planned to shorten the awards ceremony slightly to make way for one of the most fascinating speakers you will ever hear. Dr. Larry Burgess, curator of the Lincoln Shrine in Redlands, California, has promised to deliver a very interesting talk on Abraham Lincoln. Dr. Burgess, one of the Nation's foremost experts on our 16th president, has a delivery and style sure to arouse everyone's interest. Additionally, there will be a surprise gift for all those who attend.

All in all this convention is shaping up to be the greatest meeting ever. Aimed at the whole family we are sure we will provide activities for all, and, of course, Disneyland is only a monorail ride away. Can you imagine any better way to spend a weekend? We can't!

See you there



NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS...

South of the Tehachapis

By Elizabeth L. Wisslead, CSNA 720

NOTE FROM THE SOTT EDITOR:

A recent quotation caught my eye and I wonder if it might apply to my readers too. "There must be something to reincarnation. It's hard to believe I could get this far behind in one lifetime".

I had been living under the assumption that Summer Time is Vacation Time, a time for relaxation and fun. Now I find that all organizations seem to have such a full schedule it's impossible to get to all the functions. What a boost for our hobby since all reports are on the positive side and all functions are successful!! Perhaps we are all making an effort to help celebrate the **BICENTENNIAL** with an assurance that we have a great country and we are proud to be a part of this great celebration.

May the Spirit continue on into Many Years to come!!

QUOTE FROM GLEN-COIN NEWS
— Glendale Coin Club

"So much has been said and written about this nation's 200th birthday . . . most of which usually has commercial backing or purpose. Unfortunately, July 4, 1976, is a great promotional item for retail businesses, huge oil firms, and virtually every other conceivable group or organization. Unfortunately because so many Americans get caught up in the novelty of "200 years", that what went on between 1776 and 1976 is forgotten. During this month, each and every collector should take the time to examine those historical discs produced by the United States Mint. Start with the Lincoln Cent . . . What did it commemorate? Think of the era represented by the Indian Cent and Buffalo Nickel; that of the Pease Dollar, the Kennedy Half, and the Roosevelt Dime!

Many of the Senior Members in the Glendale Coin Club eye-witnessed these periods. Our younger members certainly have read or learned about them. Our coin collections are more than inflation hedges, they are reminders of American history. Now is the time to visit those collections stashed away in safe deposit boxes so many years ago."

Editor, Mike Aron

Note: Mike Aron is a 'younger member' now in the adult dues paying bracket. Glendale Coin Club and Los Angeles Coin Club reflect much pride in the experience of having him as a Junior Member. Do not worry about the future of our hobby!

200th Birthday of the United States of America !!

200th Meeting of the Pomona Valley Coin Club !!

It all happened on July 4, 1976. Jim Clark was the winner of the Bicentennial design for the special issue of a Wooden Dollar to commemorate this event. Earl O'Cathey was the speaker when the **Pomona Valley Coin Club** celebrated its 100th Meeting. Naturally he was selected as the speaker for the 200th Meeting. He gave an outstanding talk on Wooden Money with an appropriate display of many rare and unusual specimens. If you are interested in obtaining one of the Bicentennial/200th Meeting Wooden Dollars, visit the club on the first Saturday of each month, 172 W. Monterey Ave., Pomona, Calif. (Womens Community Clubhouse); or write to Corky Ayers, c/o Pomona Valley Coin Club, POB 36, Pomona, Calif. 91766.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY — BE-LO-CE COIN CLUB

We celebrated the 14th Birthday of our club on July 12, 1976, at the Brawley Community Center in Brawley. Al Nickel, founder and charter president discussed the organization of the club and past presidents were honored.

THE CONVENTION, COIN O RAMA, PARADE !!

More than 1200 members, collectors and dealers thronged the halls of the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel, April 1 thru 4, for the fourth annual convention of the **Society of International Numismatics'** Convention. The bourse area included 72 dealers from the United States, Canada and Europe. Jess Peters of Decatur, Illinois conducted the auction. Forum speakers included Ted N. Weissbuch, NLG; Coin World International Editor, David T. Alexander; James Vorus, treasure diver and flyer; Irv Brotman, professional numismatist. Exhibits were very competitive with **Best of Show Award** going to Peter & Betty Brander, "Colonial Medals of Carlos IV". Dates for the 1977 show are set: April 12-16, 1977.

Israel-Holyland Expo '76 was held on Sunday, May 16, 1976, at the Workman's Circle Hall in Los Angeles. Over 300 persons attended the Expo '76 which opened at 10 A.M. and closed at 8 P.M. Bill Harkins took the **Best of Show Award** in exhibits. Mel Waeks was forum moderator, with Morris Bram, president of AINA as the featured speaker. The Expo was sponsored by the **INS of San Gabriel Valley**, **ICC of San Fernando Valley**, **INS of Orange County**.

Covina Coin Club held their 15th Coin-O-Rama on Saturday and Sunday, June 5 & 6, 1976, at the West Covina American Legion Hall, 330 No. Azusa Avenue, West Covina, Calif. Despite the fact someone "threw a wringer" and held a competitive show in the area, the Covina Coin Club show came through with "flying colors". Committee and Officer workers were: John Glover, Ethel Lenhert, Mary Peters, Bill Dorman, Richard Neyhart, and Frank Strauss.

First Place and Best of Show Awards went to Tom Fitzgerald for his Exhibit "Coins of the Popes". Second place winner was Ermina Kidd, and third place award to Corky Ayers. In the Junior Division, First Place and **BEST OF SHOW** was awarded to Heather Calvert for her display "U. S. Nickel Type Set". Second place to Heather Calvert and third place to Richard Keil.

Convention of International Numismatics (C.O.I.N.) convened on June 18, 19, 20, 1976, and registered 1,640 for the 13th Annual Convention. Milton Fishgold, bourse chairman, stretched the walls for 109 dealers from around the world, who reported brisk buying and selling. There were sixteen Exhibit Categories with displays entered in each category. **BEST OF SHOW**, "38 Medals of Colonial Mexico under Carlos IV", Pete and Betty Brander.

The "Fantastic Fourteenth" Convention of International Numismatics will be held at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel, June 17, 18, 19, 1977. Milton Fishgold is serving as President / General Chairman; Nate Bromberg, bourse chairman; Sally and Ralph Marx, exhibits chairman.

Fontana United Numismatists (FUN) sponsored a "Bicentennial Coin Show" on Sunday, July 18, 1976, at the Holiday Inn of San Bernardino. Norman Sturgess arranged for twenty dealers to display and sell their wares. Al Hall did a beautiful job in getting out some fine exhibits. Nona Moore reported that approximately 225 attended the one day function.

California Exonumist Society (CES) held a one day **ALL DAY MEETING AND COLLECTIBLES SHOW** on Sunday, July 25, 1976, at the Holiday Inn of Fullerton, Calif. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There were ten bourse tables, and some very noted 'big name' dealers selling duplicates, trading with other collectors, and having "an ole time

All Day Exonumist Meeting". Noted in the group were Gordon Z. & Dorothy Greene; Virginia Culver and her husband John Culver, Ralph 'Curly' & Ruth Mitchell; Richard & Barbara Hyde; Alva Christensen & Ethel Stone; Al & Virginia Hall; Nona Moore & Mrs. Gillespie. A Bon Voyage cake and coffee was served for Walter & Daisy Snyder who were leaving for Germany to visit a great granddaughter. Bill & Elizabeth Wisslead were co-chairman Dick Lebold, exhibits chairman. Doug and Helen de Rome handled the registration.

Calico Coin Club will hold its Seventh Annual Coin Show on September 12, 1976 at the Masonic lodge, 27917 West Main St., Barstow, California. Lou A Womble, President.

Southeastern Sierra Coin Club, Bishop, Calif. plans their Summer Picnic (Potluck) for September 19, 1976. The club holds regular meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Bank of America Conference Room, 536 North Main St., Bishop, Calif. 8 P.M.

Boyle Heights Junior Coin & Stamp Club held a "Mexican Comida, Carne Asada" honoring the second anniversary and installation of officers on Saturday, July 10, 1976, Hollenbeck Park, Los Angeles. Installing officer, George Price, M.C., Armando Perez, Club Representative, Jose Castaneda.

Clyde Hubbard was the featured speaker for the **AZTECA Numismatic Society's** Banquet held in conjunction with C.O.I.N. Convention, June 19, 1976. His topic "Unusual 8 Reales of Republican Mexico, 1823-1897". The "Erma C. Stevens Memorial Award" was presented to Betty Brander.

WE'VE MOVED!! Hemet Numismatists celebrated their Second Birthday and moved to larger quarters. The club meets on the second Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., Whittier Elementary School, 400 W. Whittier Ave., Hemet, Calif.

California Foreign Coin Club **HAS MOVED** to a new location: Westdale Savings & Loan, 7040 Sepulveda Blvd., Van Nuys. They now meet on the 4th Wednesday, 7 P.M. Bill Holberton presented a slide lecture on "English Silver Crowns, Edward VI to Elizabeth II".

ALUMINUM STOCK PILE CONTINUES TO GROW!!

San Bernardino County Coin Club, host club for the fall CSNA convention at Disneyland Hotel, decided to collect 600 lbs. of aluminum for a special project for the convention. They now have collected "one ton of aluminum"!!

The University Numismatic Club of Riverside was privileged to examine some genuine hand made turquoise jewelry during a recent meeting. Ernie De Tamaso, immediate past president, showed art crafted squash blossom necklaces made by the Indians of Southern California. One was made from mercury dimes, the other from walking liberty half-dollars.

June brought the installation of new officers for 1976-77. They are: Edward M. Uhlig, President; Mel Dittbenner, Vice-President; Ray Campbell, Treasurer; and Virginia Hall, Secretary. The Directors: Ernie De Tamaso, Virginia Finley, Manuel Mejia, Al Hall. In his inimitable way, John Lenker served as installing officer.

Mr. Harland Lemeke gave an interesting talk in July on "Investing for the Average Collector". An avid discussion period followed and brought forth several important questions to the floor. Exhibits were varied and interesting — from bicentennial wooden nickels to 1941 auction catalogues . . . oh, what prices way back then!!

Countries starting with the letter "B" were highlighted in June for the Redlands Coin Club members. An imaginary trip was enjoyed from Bangladesch to Bolivia. The featured coin of the month was a silver quarter.

July was the special Bicentennial program with John Lenker showing slides of U.S. Type Coins. Exhibits were ARBA bicentennial bronze medals, and examples of the coins viewed in the program. The feature coin was the Lincoln Cent before 1959. A "candy cracker" was given to a lucky member. August highlighted "other hobbies".

ROBERT FROST and Ralph A. Mitchell appeared at the Hemet Numismatists in July with a film production and beautiful examples of art medals. In June, Fred Coops discussed "The Early Money of our Nation".

THOMAS JEFFERSON — THE MAN

Ethel Lenhert presented an outstanding program for the San Bernardino County Coin Club. "Jefferson, the Man" is a topic as fascinating and multi-faceted as, indeed, was Thomas Jefferson. Ethel told of how he busied himself with writing, the encouragement of education in Virginia, and other interests ranging from architecture to music. Jefferson's achievements rank him as one of the greatest men in American history, but he himself only wished to be remembered for these works which he directed be listed on his tombstone: "Here was buried Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence; the Statue of Virginia for religious freedom; and Father of the University of Virginia".

WHITE ELEPHANTS !!

Fun and Fund raisers are scheduled for Downey Numismatists, La Mirada Coin Club, Whittier Coin Club, Culver City Coin Club, Long Beach Coin Club, Santa Ana Coin Club, Orange Coast Coin Club.

Now an Elephant of a different color — ANNUAL PINK ELEPHANT COLLECTIBLE SALE, staged by the Fontana United Numismatists (FUN) to help the Christmas dinner party fund.

Fred Coops talked about early United States Coins and John Lenker discussed the "European Supporters of the American Revolution" at the Fontana United Numismatists.

CLUB EXHIBITS !!

Thanks to Jack Seeler, Mel Kohl, Ed Borgolte, George Bosna, Tommy Thompson, Sarah Breslow, Jay D. Dare, William Sadler, Bob Scott, Eileen Lawson, Jerry Yahalom, Ben Abelson, Murray Singer, Mario Arguijo, Los Angeles Coin Club enjoyed FOURTEEN DISPLAYS for the June Meeting. Reported in THE WIRE EDGE official club bulletin.

TORRACOIN, Monthly Bulletin of the Torrance Coin Club reports the following exhibitors for July: Virginia Dennis, Robert Scott, Jay Anell, Frank Martin, Joe Snyder, Kermit Welch, Danny Weinstein, Scott Dawson, Ricky Kay, George Schumacher, Darryl Speach — ELEVEN DISPLAYS.

Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles has enjoyed the presentation of his recent AINA Tour to Israel through the use of slides by Dr. Stephen Baron. Larry Crites spoke on "Symbols on Israel Coins".

A.N.A. SUMMER SEMINAR

Whittier Coin Club's PROOF SHEET reports, "Whittier Junior member John Uhlir has received word that he is one of 12 Juniors nationally selected by an ANA committee to attend the annual Association Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado". Dr. Sol Taylor will be attending the Seminar also and will teach a course on "Coin Grading".

MODELS OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS!!

Verdugo Hills Coin Club's News Letter reports, Ernest W. Hood was a guest speaker. Ernie is renowned for his models of Historical Buildings all made with coins. His Lincoln Memorial Cent model is on display in a Ripley's 'Believe it or Not Museum'. A Monticello made with Jefferson Nickels was destroyed in a San Francisco fire and is now being rebuilt. Additional reproductions include a Roosevelt Silver Dime White House, and two Lincoln Cent Log Cabins, also exhibited at Ripley Museums. Ernie is president of the Laguna Hills Coin Club.

WE'VE MOVED!!

Orange Coast Coin Club has moved to The Fullerton Savings & Loan Bldg. in Fountain Valley (Southeast corner of Brookhurst & Talbert). They meet the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 P.M.

Santa Ana Coin Club regrets that President, Jim Nelson, found it necessary to resign due to a move and change of location. Gene Swonger, former vice-president has moved to the President's Chair, and will continue the spirit of good leadership.

Tustin Coin Club celebrated the 200th Birthday of America with Elizabeth L. Wisslead discussing "Colonial Currency" for the June meeting, and William O. Wisslead told about the "Sound of the Liberty Bell" at the July meeting. The Club had special numismatic exhibits in the State Mutual Savings & Loan, Tustin, during the month of June.

WOOD WINDS, official publication of the California Wooden Money Association has announced Wayne & Virginia Dennis as new Editors. The Association held its Annual Pot Luck Dinner in July at EROC HALL in Pomona. We had the pleasure of attending one of the Pot Luck Dinners and learned that Wood Collectors are outstanding cooks. Jim Betton recently discussed medals and blackbirding. "If any of you do not know what 'blackbirding' is, it is the slave trading".

A BICENTENNIAL QUIZ!!

Marlin Lenhert conducted a bicentennial

quiz for the Upland Coin Club as part of the July meeting. There was a Birthday Cake — Happy Birthday America. Mel Kohl discussed "The Love of Liberty Brought Us Here" at the May meeting.

DOWN SAN DIEGO WAY!!

San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council awards "MEDAL OF MERIT". At the Awards Breakfast on May 30th, Council President Don Webb presented the first of these medals: Medal #1 to Catharine Edgerton, Editor of Council Bulletin for as many years as it has been in existence. Medal #2 to Roger Sullivan for his many years service as County Fair Exhibit Chairman. Medal #3 to Dwight A. Safford for his continuing contributions to area publications in the literary field.

C.S.N.A. SYMPOSIUM

"The group who attended the Symposium thought that it was the best ever. The exhibits were extraordinary. Through the courtesy of the Ed McClung Junior Scholarship Fund three members from San Diego received special awards. Erika Farr (Convair Coiners) Scott Maylen (Poway) and Greg Schenewerk (Imperial Beach). John Mohr (also Imperial Beach) was the Council scholarship member and Paul Johann from the La Mesa Numismatic Society attended but not on scholarship. The dinner was great and there were surprise medals as an added treat. We are already planning on getting the group together for next year because it was such a great day. Perhaps CSNA can be persuaded to have a change of thought. An evening symposium is not the equivalent of an all day exchange of information and comradarie".

San Diego Numismatic Society's June meeting celebrated the 39th birthday of the society and the potluck dinner was attended by 50 people.

International Numismatic Society of San Diego continues its World Travels in Numismatics. Recently they have 'visited' Spain, France, Italy. The meetings feature Coin Exhibits, History and Educational Discussions.

Clairmont Coin Club heard Stuart Edgerton talk about "The Story of the Dollar"; Bill Noga discussed "The American Revolution".

Convair Coiners enjoyed a "Coiners Bicentennial Family Picnic" in Missile Park on August 8th. Recent programs have been: "The Bicentennial" by Harvey Rose; "Ships on Coins & Medals" by Charles Wyatt; "How to Clean your Coins" by Lee Trepanier.

La Mirada Coin Club Board of Directors enjoyed a picnic in the park. Paul & Shirley Engstrom were host and hostess at the July Board Meeting. The group gathered at Parnell Park in Whittier and enjoyed a delicious barbecue supper before conducting the business meeting.

SPEAKERS PLATFORM

William O. Wisslead, "The Sound of the Liberty Bell", Pomona Valley Coin Club; "Great White Fleet"; Covina Coin Club; Long Beach Coin Club.

Elizabeth L. Wisslead, "Guide Book of United States Coins", Fountain Valley Coin Club.

Charles G. Colver, "United States Cents", Lawndale Coin Club.

Harold Butner, "How Wooden Money is Made", California Wooden Money Association.

Tom Fitzgerald, "United States Large Cent", La Mirada Coin Club; 49'er Coin Club.

Ralph Marx, "Foreign Paper Money", Triangle Coin Club; Downey Numismatists.

Al Hoogeveen, "Unique Way of Collecting U.S. Coin", Torrance Coin Club; Culver City Coin Club. "The Coins of Queen Wilhemina", Whittier Coin Club.

Henry Cutting, "Various United States Mints", Long Beach Coin Club, Triangle Coin Club.

Wayne Dennis, "Wooden Money", Culver City Coin Club.

Dr. John A. Venable, "Coin Collecting is Fun and Coin Collectors are Fantastic", 49'er Coin Club.

Raymond R. Reinoehl, "Flying Eagle Cent", Downey Numismatists; Santa Ana Coin Club.

Charles Fairall, "Clips, Errors and Oddities", Orange Coast Coin Club.

Fred W. Coops, "Ten Important Coins of our 200 Years", Orange County Coin Club.

Dr. Ted N. Weissbuch, "American Indian Barter", Orange County Coin Club.

IN MEMORIAM

W. R. "Bill" Fanning
Charles V. "Charlie" Jones
Los Angeles Coin Club

DISCOVERY

"Some of the Coin Clubs are discovering that a Club is like a child's birthday party. It's much easier to get one started than to keep it going peacefully". TORRACOIN, Torrance Coin Club.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Virginia:

I was fortunate to attend the ANA Summer Seminar which was held July 4th through July 10th in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The all-expense paid trip which included the plane, lodging and meals at Colorado College, plus enrollment to classes was fantastic and duly appreciated. For this my thanks go to the Junior Scholarship Program instituted for the first time at the CSNA 8th Annual Symposium in March, 1976.

The campus of Colorado College was beautiful and the forty-four students who stayed there enjoyed the surrounding atmosphere very much.

All the classes were beneficial, but I especially appreciated the counterfeiting class. I became familiar with the detection of counterfeit coins and learned a surprising amount of information in just one short week.

Those attending also enjoyed field trips to the Denver Mint and the ghost towns of Victor and Cripple Creek. Our free tour of the U. S. Mint was very interesting and enjoyable to see the process of coins in the making.

When those attending were not at classes or on field trips, activities planned by the college were enjoyed. I met many people through this "extra bonus" such as volleyball which made the vacation all the more fun.

I thoroughly enjoyed the time I had available and hope to widen my knowledge in the detection of counterfeit coins at home, and possibly through attending next year's ANA Summer Seminar.

I would like to express my special thanks to those who made the seminar possible, and again to those who gave me the opportunity to attend.

Sincerely,
JENE DAAB
San Bernardino County Coin Club



NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS...

North of the Tehachapis

By Jerry Kroeger, CSNA 18-4

New Officers

Napa Valley Coin Club meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Hall, elected Don Schueler as president; Thelma Krieg, secretary; Herb McCann as treasurer, for the year.

N.V.C.C. features short talks by members about the coins brought to display and the ever popular membership prizes.

Exhibit

Bakersfield Coin Club has a very active participating membership, a display of interesting coins was arranged at The Great Western Savings in August along with an Auction at the regular meeting, a picnic in September and a speaker at the regular September meeting. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Guarantee Savings, 5554 California Avenue.

Other Hobbies

San Jose Coin Club held "Other Hobbies Night" with Rudy Mische speaking on Tiffany Lamps. The San Jose Police Department shared the evening with a talk on burglary prevention.

Another Year

Happy Birthday to Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, they just celebrated its 61st anniversary with a banquet that was enjoyed by all those in attendance, 43 members and guests.

P.C.N.S. is fortunate to have so many apt speakers to inform the members as well as serve as entertainment for the evening — O. L. Wallis spoke on "Dewey, The Hero of Manila", Larry Reppeteau spoke on "Counterfeits", and still another evening Don Thrall spoke on "Paper Money", all worthwhile topics.

The "Old Mint" at 5th and Mission Street, San Francisco, has the P.C.N.S. Numismatic Library on display on the 2nd floor and an appointment is needed in advance.

Ladies Night

It was a special night for the Mothers and Ladies of Vallejo Numismatic Society recently, with door prizes and special gifts to the lovely ladies, they just couldn't lose.

The successful annual coin show was held in June at the Dan Foley Cultural Center and was enjoyed by all.

New Medal

Northern California Numismatic Assoc. held its 15th Annual coin show at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco. The theme of this show was "Twin Bicentennial" commemorating the bicentennial of the United States and Mission Dolores. To mark this event a medal was issued depicting Independence Hall and Mission Dolores. This medallion was designed by Jay Patterson and struck by Masterpiece Medallions of Claremont, California.

Other Hobbies

Fresno Numismatic Society has also added other hobbies to its busy agenda. Interesting collections came forth, ranging from beer cans to swizzle sticks. Indian artifacts won many acclaims, but the karate demonstration won the "most unusual" award. The August meeting was devoted to Sports Exonumia, with John Reynolds telling all about what a sports buff might collect.

Bicentennial

San Francisco Coin Club's John Sears presented an excellent program in honor of the Twin Bicentennial, called "200 years". He opened the program by reading a poem called, "Your Flag and My Flag" and giving a brief history of our Nation's flag. Harry Huntington spoke on "Colonial Coinage" and showed English and Colonial Coins of the period. Clifford Bloom spoke on "Gold Coins" covering the period from 1775 to 1834. He showed a Prussia I Frederick D'or Gold piece used in America at this time and a Colony of Delaware Ten Shillings Note dated January 1, 1776. Milton Strauch spoke on "A Union Divided". He had an exhibit of almost all of the paper money issued by the States during this time. Rose Huntington spoke on "The West and Early California". John Sears concluded the program by speaking on "Early California Mission Medals". He exhibited a Mission Dolores Medal of Father Serra and a picture and story about Mission Dolores taken from "Sunset Magazine".

Another Medal

Delta Coin Club of Stockton will have a coin show at Holiday Inn on November 20 & 21. A Bronze medal has been struck for the Club's 20th Anniversary and the Bicentennial.

Editors Note: A little more information has come forth but I sure would like it to keep coming with a lot more. Thanks for your effort. J.K.

200 YEARS OF HISTORY

San Bernardino Valley

San Bernardino Bicentennial Medal



FRONT: Bicentennial Symbol of the city, created by Judith Cloyd, in city-wide competition. The distinctive double clapper of the Liberty Bell illustrates two centuries of extolling freedom, while also identifying the city. The placement of the letters S B suggesting movement, which restates the city slogan: "City on the Move".



BACK: City of San Bernardino, California, Official Seal showing important scenes and history of the area: The landmark "Arrowhead" in the mountains north of the city, overlooks the orange groves in the valley; the Conestoga wagons of the Mormon founding pioneers, and the locomotive, indicating our railroad center.

SAN BERNARDINO was attracting its first European visitor several years before Colonial America signed the Declaration of Independence. Timber-lined mountains provided an inspiring backdrop to the rich valley below — the climate — fertile soil — plentiful game — they were all attractive to the visitor.

INDIANS IN THE VALLEY

The San Bernardino Valley and surrounding mountains were inhabited by friendly Indians who camped in family groups along the streams. The Serranos lived mostly in the reaches of the mountains, the **Cahuilla** camped in the eastern part of the valley, and the **Guachamas** along the Santa Ana River just west of present-day Redlands.

EXPLORATION OF THE VALLEY

The first white man known to have set foot in the lush San Bernardino Valley was **Pedro Fages** in 1772, four years before the Declaration of Independence. Fages was the Military Commander from Monterey who later became Governor of California. While on a trip to the San Diego Presidio, several of his soldiers deserted. Fages joined the pursuit but abandoned the chase at the Colorado Desert. It was on his return that he decided to explore a new route to Monterey and he passed through the San Bernardino Valley.

Juan Bastista de Anza, Captain of the Presidio of Tubac, set out from Sonora, Mexico, in 1774 to find a new overland route to Monterey. It is recorded that de Anza came by the way of Yuma, San Geronio Pass and the San Bernardino Valley. The valley was then named valle de San Joseph.

The next white man said to cross the valley was the well-known explorer-priest, **Fray Francisco Hermenegildo Garces**. In 1776, the very year of the Declaration of Independence, Fray Garces made his way to the Mission San Gabriel via the old Mojave Trail. His route took him across the San Bernardino Mountains just west of today's Crestline, down Devil's Canyon, and through the valley to Los Angeles.

THE MISSION PERIOD

During the eighteenth century the Spanish missions flourished and increased in size, but were constantly harassed by Indian raids due to the temptation of the mission flocks and herds. Authorities began to realize it was necessary to develop a second line to the interior to Christianize the Indians. Expeditions were organized and dispatched, seeking probable sites for these inland missions. The first of these expeditions reached the San Bernardino Valley in 1806.

HOW SAN BERNARDINO
GOT ITS NAME

The Indian name for the valley was Guachama, which translated means “a place of plenty to cat”. A supply station was located at the Guachamo rancheria near what is now known as Bunker Hill, situated between Urbita Springs and Colton.

Padre Dumetz and a group of soldiers, missionaries, and Indians from the San Gabriel Mission entered the valley on the 20th of May in 1810 with the intent of developing a settlement. Even though his diary was never found, it is recorded that he established a capella somewhere near the Guachama Indian camp. It could have been a small mission, a brush chapel, or even as insignificant as a cross and a few candles out of doors where only one religious service was held. According to the Roman calendar of Saints, May 20 was the feast of San

Bernardino of Sienna and Padre Dumetz named the valley in his honor.

THE SPANISH PERIOD

The Spanish period in the valley, was followed by the granting of statehood to California by the United States in 1850, and with it the coming of the Mormons by Conestoga wagons from Utah, and the beginning of a permanent settlement in 1851. San Bernardino’s growth as a railroad center followed the Civil War and by the turn of the century was taking its position as a center for the packing and shipping of citrus products. The annual National Orange Show has celebrated this fact now for over 60 years.

TODAY

After 200 years of history, San Bernardino is the “Living City on the Move”, with a population of over 100,000 — and is the seat of the largest county in the United States (more than 20,000 square miles), in terms of area.

Remember When - - - ?

- Membership Report —
November 5, 1950 323
- May, 1954
San Bernardino County Coin Club issued 1954 membership cards to all officers of the California State Numismatic Association as well as the American Numismatic Association.
- Winners of the First Literary Awards — given in 1956
First Place — Abe Kosoff “United States Patterns”
Second Place — Milton C. Strauch “The Lowlands and Numismatics”
- A.N.A. Convention — Fiesta de Dinero
Hotel Statler, Los Angeles — August 13-16, 1958
Total Attendance 1067
- The first time you saw Rudy Gjurovich, the Official Greeter at numismatic conventions? He is still known as the “King of the Koin Collectors”



Treasurer's Report

Ruth M. Phillips, CSNA 942

58TH SEMI-ANNUAL CSNA CONVENTION

FRESNO, APRIL 23-25, 1976

RECEIPTS:

Bourse	\$7,862.50
Registration	569.00
Meals	1,067.00
Medal Sales	1,136.60
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$10,635.10

EXPENSES:

Fresno Hilton Hotel Rental	\$ 722.56
Table Rental	418.59
Security	1,037.30
Medals, Holders and Art Work	1,951.10
Exhibit Awards	644.48
Publicity & Advertising	782.87
Ribbons	231.48
Editor's Expenses	100.00
Secretary's Expenses	100.00
General Chairman's Expenses	100.00
Photography	152.00
Luncheon Tour	126.00
Banquet Expenses	320.40
Printing & Signs	429.42
Case Hauling R/T Oakland-Fresno	137.00
Hotel Tips	100.00
Meals	1,067.00
Dealer Brunch Subsidy	323.75
Banquet Subsidy	147.98
Bourse Coordinator's Expenses	200.00
President's Expenses	74.08
Miscellaneous Charges	113.00
Postage & Printing of Special Mailer	230.37
Hospitality Room Coffee	69.60
Convention Bureau Charges	147.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 9,725.98

CONVENTION NET PROFIT\$ 909.12

5% NET PROFIT TO FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY\$ 45.46

IDENTITY CRISIS

In June 1938 the American Numismatic Association librarian, W. S. Dewey, lamented appreciably when he reported that in the previous several months he'd received mail with the second name of the organization spelled, among other permutations, as:

Mumismatic	Numismutic	Amunistae
Pneumatic	Nunisnatic	Numastic
Numisitic	Nowismatic	Numerismatic

As a tribute to the Postal System (we guess), if not the ANA's extensive efforts to make the hobby more visible among the general public, two missives were delivered addrsd to the "Numesmatic Assocaition", and the other simply to "The Munsiatric Company". Huh? Wonder what the latter correspondent had on his mind?

— The Numismatist (1938)



From the Desk of the Secretary

Charles G. Colver, CSNA 6-1

NEW MEMBERS

- 3150 SHIOEMAKER, Bob 11149 Beverly Dr., Hanford, Calif. 93230
(sponsored by the secretary)
3151 HI-DESERT COIN CLUB, 73175 El Paseo, Twentynine Palms Calif. 92277
(sponsored by the secretary)
3152 ADAMS, Ben E. 2040 Lynn Lane, Hanford, Calif. 93230
(sponsored by the secretary)
A3153 ADAMS, Nettie 2040 Lynn Lane, Hanford, Calif. 93230
(sponsored by the secretary)
3154 TURRINI, Michael S.
(sponsored by the secretary)
3155 DRYKERMAN, Dan . . . 600 "B" St., Suite 1300, San Diego, Calif. 92101
(Sponsored by Charles Colver)
3156 MANGUM, Alfred W. . . 3197 N. Mtn. View Dr., San Diego, Calif. 92116
(Sponsored by Mattie Knickerbocker)
3157 LITMAN, Loren P.O. Box 727, Sausalito, Calif. 94965
(Sponsored by Charles Colver)
3158 WITTECK, Carl J. 955 N. Park Ave., Rialto, Calif. 92376
(Sponsored by Bryan Burke)
3159 NEILY, Richard W. P.O. Box 213, Fairfield, Calif. 94533
(Sponsored by Charles Colver)
3160 BERG, David 7947 Lake Cayuga Dr., San Diego, Calif. 92119
(sponsored by the secretary)
3161 ANDERSEN, Edna L.
(sponsored by the secretary)
3162 WAYNE, Alex M.
(Sponsored by William Gunderson)
A3163 FULWIDER, Lorelie 504 Vistamar Ave., Pacifica, Calif. 94044
(Sponsored by Ed Fulwider)
3164 GOODE, Kenneth H. 7802 Shasta St., Highland, Calif. 92346
(Sponsored by Virginia Hall)
3165 FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB P.O. Box 944, Fairfield, Calif. 94533
(Sponsored by Richard Neily)

CHANGE OF NAME

- 1021 Pauline Ney Dunbar to Mrs. Paul Emmett

RE-INSTATEMENTS

- 1800 WILLIAMS, Clarence E.
2623 ROBERTS, M. R. 11A Hunter Arcade, Sydney, Aust. 2000

DECEASED

- 141 DR. NATHAN A. BOWERS Portola Valley, Calif.

RESIGNED

- 63 Mrs. Harry Cutler Sausalito, Calif.
630 Raymond Allee Phoenix, Ariz.
1466 Robert R. Montgomery La Habra, Calif.
2735 William H. Moore So. El Monte, Calif.
2855 Julius M. Moessl El Segundo, Calif.
2933 Larry R. Ivers San Jose, Calif.
2955 Larry K. Kruckenberg Los Angeles, Calif.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership, May 10, 1976	1314
New Members, May 11 to Aug. 10, 1976	16
Re-Instatements	2
Deceased	1
Resigned	7
Net Membership, Aug 10, 1976	1324
1976 Dues Not Yet Paid	167
Total Life Memberships	113



Between the Bookends



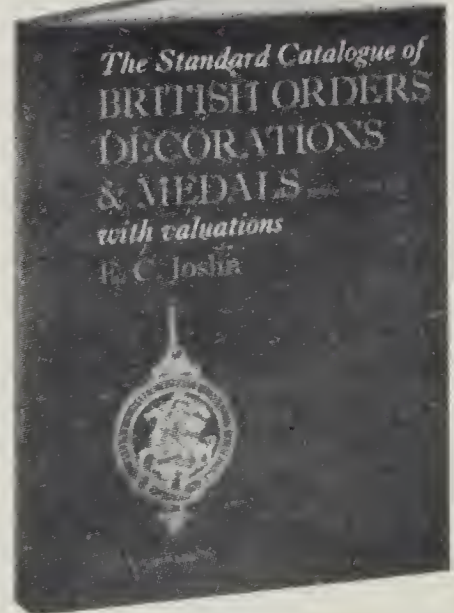
New coin designs that pay tribute to 200 years of American Freedom are the subject of a new book, "14 Bits", just published by Three Continents Press. Authored by David L. Ganz, the book is a complete history of America's new bicentennial coinage.

Commemorating two centuries of American independence, the reverse of the quarter, half dollar, and dollar each contain bicentennial designs created at the direction of Congress. "14 Bits" traces the creation of the coinage from 1966, when it was first proposed, to 1975, when the special coins were finally struck.

Title of the book comes from the old Spanish piece of eight, each portion of which was worth $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents, or a bit. The total value of the three new bicentennial coins — dollar, half dollar, and quarter — is exactly "14 Bits".

Included in the book are numerous references to documents, congressional hearings, meetings of the Bicentennial Commission, and a general tracing of the bicentennial coinage proposals. It is the first comprehensive examination of how Congress had a bill made into law in more than a generation.

"14 Bits" is available in paperback and hard cover edition. For further information contact Three Continents Press, Inc., 1346 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Suite 1121, Washington, D. C. 20036.



THE STANDARD CATALOGUE OF BRITISH ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS. By E. C. Joslin. 160 pages, illustrated, hard cover. London, England, 1976.

The constantly increasing number of medal collectors will welcome this ready reference. Well illustrated, including a number of full-color plates, the volume provides an excellent means of identifying British orders, decorations and medals.

Along with current valuations, this book discusses the price increases of the covered items since 1969.

Now in its third edition, the catalog provides the collector with basic collecting information and divides the listings into medal ribands, orders, decorations, campaign medals, miscellaneous medals, coronation and jubilee medals and long service medals.

Histories are presented for many of the issues and varieties are noted.

The volume is available from Spink & Son Limited, 5-7 King Street, St. James, London SW1, England.

MINER'S CABIN EXHIBIT IN SF

Visually evocative of the harsh realities of frontier life, an old-time miner's cabin exhibit opened recently at the Old Mint Museum in San Francisco.

Although the pine structure was built early in the 1930's its weather-worn appearance represents a miner's dwelling of an earlier era. The cabin was donated by John Huberyt, whose Irish immigrant grandfather was a '49er and settled the land on which the cabin was located. It sat on the south bank of the North Fork of the Calaveras River, an area made famous in Mark Twain's story "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County".

A wood-burning stove, oil lamps, an iron bed, rough-hewn cabinets, tables and chairs, a few toys and prospector's tools are some of the items displayed in the exhibit. The Old Mint Museum, at Fifth and Mission Sts., is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

EARLY AMERICAN PAPER MONEY

American Continental paper money could not be redeemed because the Government did not have the coin to redeem it. A \$100 Continental note was worth about \$2.50 in coin. The expression "don't care a continental" has reference to this depreciated currency.

The paper money issued by the Confederate States during the Civil War was never worth face value, and became worthless, except to collectors, with the downfall of the Confederacy.



Chuckles



"I haven't been golfing in years!"

A company president offered \$25 for employees' money-saving ideas. First prize went to the guy who suggested the amount be cut to \$10.



A Broadway gambler says his favorite maxim is "Two heads are better than one" — and he says he has the coin to prove it.



Nowadays coins are sanitary; even germs can't live on less than \$1 a day.



My little grandson complained to me that his brother owed him five cents. "Won't he pay it?" I asked.

"Pay it!" he exclaimed. "He won't even worry about it".

Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

- November 19-21, 1976 59th Semi-Annual Convention
San Bernardino County Coin Club, Disneyland Embassy Room
Randy Briggs, General Chairman, P. O. Box 1161 San Bernardino 92402
Albert K. Hall, Exhibits, P. O. Box 499, Colton 92324
Nona Moore, Bourse, P. O. Box 245, Fontana 92335
- April 22-24, 1977 60th Semi-Annual Convention
Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness at Geary, San Francisco
Frank Strazzarino, General Chairman, 637 Brussels St., San Francisco 94134
- October 21-23, 1977 61st Semi-Annual Convention
Covina Coin Club, Disneyland
Ethel Lenhert, General Chairman, P. O. Box 63, Upland 91786
- April, 1978 62nd Semi-Annual Convention
Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco
- October 27-29, 1978 63rd Semi-Annual Convention
Joint Sponsors: Bay Cities Coin Club, Santa Monica and
Culver City Coin Club, Culver City
Phil Iverson, General Chairman, P. O. Box 1252, Santa Monica 90401

Jim Betton, Bourse Coordinator, P.O. Box 533, Santa Monica, California 90406 To be contacted for bourse application to any CSNA convention.

OTHERS

- September 16-19, 1976 15th N.C.N.A. Convention
Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness & Geary, San Francisco
Denis Hooker, Bourse, 65 Post St., San Jose
John Sears, Exhibits, P. O. Box 18071, San Francisco 94118
- October 2-3, 1976 Fresno Numismatic Society Coin-A-Rama
Sheraton Inn, 2550 W. Clinton & Hwy. 99, Fresno
Information: Ruth Phillips, 227 N. Duke Ave., Fresno 93727
Bourse: Howard Dunklee, Yosemite Coins, 163 N. Fresno, Fresno 93701
- October 2-3, 1976 SVCC 20th Annual Coin-A-Rama
Bishop Manogue High School, near 23rd & Broadway, Sacramento
Gene Sunken, Bourse, P. O. Box 160122, Sacramento 95816
- October 2-3, 1976 9th Annual Coin Show
Numismatic Council of Orange County, 616 Convention Way at Harbor Blvd.,
Anaheim (adj to Convention Center P.O. Box 6292, Santa Ana 92706
- October 9-10, 1976 11th Annual Coin Show
Women's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd., Downey
Walter Snyder, General Chairman, 8100 Lena, Canoga Park 91304
- October 23-24, 1976 17th Annual Coin Show
West Coast Coin Show, Cabana Hyatt House, El Camino Real, Palo Alto
Bourse: Eugene Dyer, P. O. Box 1814, Los Gatos 95030
Exhibits: Ed Sins, P. O. Box 5075, San Jose 95150
- November 7, 1976 11th Annual Coin Show
Santa Cruz Coin Club, Santa Cruz
- November, 11-14, 1976 A.I.N.A.
Greater Los Angeles Coin Convention sponsored by Am. Israel Numismatic Assn.
Los Angeles Hilton Hotel
General Chairman — Benjamin M. Abelson, 2707 Butler Ave., Los Angeles 90064
- November 14, 1976 Mainliner 9th Annual Coin Show
Mainliner Club Bldg., 4024-31 Pacific Blvd., San Mateo
Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P. O. Box 11484, Palo Alto 94305
- November 14, 1976 12th Annual Coin Show
Conejo Valley Coin Club, Howard Johnson's Banquet Room, 75 West Thousand
Oaks Blvd. (Just off the Ventura Freeway, Moorpark Rd. Exit) Thousand Oaks
Lorayne B. Carver, General Chairman, P. O. Box 1694, Thousand Oaks 91360
- November 20-21, 1976 12th Annual Coin Show
Delta Coin Club, Holiday Inn, 221 N. Center St., Stockton
Bourse: George Brower, 228 N. Sutter St., Stockton 95202